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**Amendment and Response**

Sir:

This paper responds to the Non-Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2011. Accompanying this paper is a petition for a one-month extension of time, to extend the time of response up to and including November 7, 2011 (Nov. 6 falling on a Sunday). Authorization is herein granted to apply any fees occasioned by this paper or credits due in this case to Deposit Account 50-2295.

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